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**MEMORANDUM**

September 13, 2017

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Norman Foster, Director   
Office of Management and Budget

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement Re: Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, Relating to Dogs and Cats

**Summary**

The proposal amends Chapter 4 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances which requires that any person who owns or keeps a dog or cat four months of age or older in Broward County shall have such a dog or cat registered and keep a current rabies registration tag. Each owner of a dog or cat shall obtain a Broward County rabies registration tag within thirty days after the dog or cat has been vaccinated against rabies. The ordinance also requires that all veterinarians deliver completed rabies vaccination certificates to the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division as follows:

- 1) Electronic submissions. Veterinarians may electronically submit monthly rabies vaccination data to the Division for each dog or cat vaccinated in the previous month. Veterinarians using this method shall deliver physical copies of rabies vaccination certificates to the Division no less than on a quarterly basis for the calendar year.
- 2) Physical submissions. In lieu of electronically submitting monthly rabies vaccination data, with quarterly submission of rabies vaccination certificates, veterinarians shall deliver to the Division, on a monthly basis, the completed rabies vaccination certificate for each dog or cat vaccinated the previous month.
- 3) Violations. Any Broward County veterinarian who fails to deliver rabies vaccination certificates to the Division as prescribed in the methods above shall be deemed in violation of this section and may be issued a citation and be subject to a civil penalty in an amount set by resolution of the Commission.

**Fiscal Impact**

The proposed ordinance is anticipated to have no material fiscal impact on Broward County operations. The proposed ordinance is anticipated to increase the efficiency with which rabies vaccination certificates are received and reviewed by county employees.

NF:no